(f) what action is proposed to be taken to get the supplies restored with immediate effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) to (c) No separate agreement is entered into by SAIL with individual customers. Pig Iron is supplied to the customers in accordance with the distribution guidelines formulated by the Joint Plant Committee, from time to time, depending upon the actual availability.

The letter dated 5th August, 1981 was not an agreement but an intimation about making supplies through Bokaro Steel Plant, as per availability.

(d) to (f) During the current year, the party has been making registration for 300 tonnes per quarter and supplies of pig iron by SAIL are being made as per availability.

Memorandum submitted by the State Bank Employees Association to the Finance Minister

1834. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a deputation of Delhi State Bank Employees' Federation and All India Bank Officers' Association met the Finance Minister recently and handed over a memorandum to him ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) A delegation each of the unions of workmen of State Bank of India and of Officers of the banks met the Finance Minister on 24-1-1990 and 28-6-1990 respectively and submitted their demands. While the workmen union of State Bank of India demanded primarily further benefits in the light of the settlement signed by the Reserve Bank of India with its Class III Staff, the Officers Association raised the issue of manpower shortage, alleged unilateral action by the Government/Indian Banks Association in varying the service conditions of bank officers etc. The demands of workmen unions were negotiated upon by the IBA and a supplementary settlement was signed on 29-6-90. Negotiation between the officers Association and IBA are continuing.

Take over of the Purbanchal Bank Limited as an Associate Bank of SBI

1835. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a letter dated the 26th July, 1990 from the Bank Officers Association expressing opposition to the proposed taking over of the Purbanchal Bank Limited by the State Bank of India as its associate bank ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their opposition to the proposal ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Government had received representations both from Purbanchal Bank Officers' Association as well as from Purbanchal Bank Employees' Association urging that the Purbanchal Bank Ltd. may be merged either with Central Bank of India or with any other nationalised bank. Keeping the interests of the employees as well as depositors of the bank in view, it has now been decided to amalgamate the Purbanchal Bank Ltd. with Central Bank of India.